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Federal Lodge, No. 1—room corner of 12th street and Pennsylvania avenue; regular night of meeting, first Monday in every month.
Naval Lodge, No. 4—room Masonic hall, navy yard; regular night of meeting, first Saturday in every month.
Potomac Lodge, No. 5, Georgetown—room in Bridge street, opposite Union Hotel; regular night of meeting, fourth Friday in every month.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 7—room corner of 12th street and Penn. Avenue, third story; regular meeting, first Friday in every month.

New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9—room on C street, between 6th and 4 1-2 streets; regular meeting, third Tuesday in every month.

Hiram Lodge, No. 10—room over West market, 1st ward; regular meeting, first Wednesday in every month.

Grand Lodge of District of Columbia—annual communication first Tuesday in November; semi-annual, first Tuesday in May. Installation meeting, St. John's day, 27th December.

I. O. O. F.

Central Lodge, No. 1—room City Hall; night of regular meeting, Friday.

Washington Lodge, No. 6—room City Hall; night of regular meeting, Tuesday.

Eastern Lodge, No. 7—occupies a room in Masonic hall, navy yard; night of regular meeting, Friday.

Potomac Lodge, No. 8—Odd Fellows' hall, Alexandria; regular night of meeting, Friday.

Harmony Lodge, No. 9—Odd Fellows' hall, corner of 7th and G streets, navy yard; regular night of meeting, Monday.

Columbia Lodge, No. 10—room City Hall; regular night of meeting, Thursday.

Union Lodge, No. 11—Odd Fellows' hall, navy yard; regular night of meeting, Wednesday.

Friendship Lodge, No. 12—room over West market, first ward; night of regular meeting, Thursday.

Covenant Lodge, No. 13—Georgetown; at their Hall, Congress st. Monday.

Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 14—room old Masonic hall, Alexandria; regular night of meeting, Tuesday.

Beacon Lodge, No. 15—room City Hall; regular night of meeting, Monday.

Columbian Encampment, No. 1—room City Hall; regular night of meeting last Wednesday in every month.

Marley Encampment, No. 2—Odd Fellows' hall, Alexandria; regular nights of meeting, second and fourth Mondays in every month.

Mount Pisgah Encampment, No. 3—Odd Fellows' hall, Georgetown; regular nights of meeting, 1st and 3d Tuesday in every month.

Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, meets annually on the second Monday in November, and quarterly on the second Mondays of January, April, July, and October.

I. O. R. M.

Powhatan Tribe, No. 1—room on C street; regular night of meeting, every Tuesday.

Osceola Tribe, No. 2, Alexandria—meets at Odd Fellows' Hall, Columbus st., Wednesday.

Anacostia Tribe, No. 3, Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard—Thursday.

Uncas Tribe, No. 4, Odd Fellows' Hall, Georgetown, Wednesday.

Grand Council meets first Tuesday in every month.

Washington Literary and Debating Society—meets every Thursday evening, at the session room of the Baptist church, 10th street.

Vine Lyceum Society—meets weekly over the Washington Library, 11th street.

Washington Benevolent Society—meets at their hall on G, between 6th and 7th sts, the first Tuesday in every month.

Anacostia Benevolent Society meets the 15th of every month, one hour after sunset, in the Anacostia engine house. John O'Neale, president.

Freeman's Vigilant Total Abstinence Society, meets every Thursday evening, in the Franklin Engine house, 14th street.

UNITED BROTHERS OF TEMPERANCE. District Assembly meets monthly, in Dr. F. Howard's Lecture room, on 11th street, between F and G.

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Association No. 2, every Tuesday evening, Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard.
Association, No. 3, on Tuesday evening, over West Market.
Association No. 4, Alexandria, Old Brook Lodge, St. Asaph, near King st., Friday.
Association No. 5, Georgetown.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Grand Division—meets 2d Monday of October, January, April, and July, at the hall of Sons of Temperance, C st.

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Harmony Division, No. 2—Alexandria, N. E. corner of Market square, Monday.

Crystal Fount Division, No. 3—Hall of the Sons of Temperance, C street; Monday.

Potomac Division, No. 5—Odd Fellows' Hall, Georgetown; Friday.

Equal Division, No. 6—Dr. Howard's Lecture Room, corner of F and 11th sts.; Tuesday.

Marion Division, No. 7—West Market, Monday.

Franklin Division, No. 8—Odd Fellows' Hall, Georgetown.

Union Division, No. 9—Tennally Town.

Howard Division, No. 10—Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard.

BANKS.

Patriotic Bank—7th street, between C and D streets—discount day, Thursday. G. C. Grammar, President; Chauncy Bestor, Cashier.

Bank of Washington—corner of Louisiana avenue and C street—discount day, Tuesday. Wm. Guntton, President; Jas. Adams, Cashier.

Bank of the Metropolis—Pennsylvania avenue, between F and G streets, opposite the Treasury Department, discount day, Monday. John P. Van Ness, President; Richard Smith, Cashier.

Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, Georgetown, Southeast corner of Bridge and Congress sts.

FIRE COMPANIES.

Union—located at the corner of H and 20th streets; regular night of meeting, the 2d Tuesday in every month. W. B. Magruder, President.

Franklin—located on 14th street, near Pennsylvania avenue; regular night of meeting, the first Tuesday in every month. Robert Colman, President.

Perseverance—located on Pennsylvania avenue, Centre market square; regular night of meeting, the first Thursday in every month. C. Buckingham, President.

Northern Liberties—located on the corner of Massachusetts avenue and 8th street; regular night of meeting, the first Wednesday in every month. John Y. Bryant, President.

Island—located on Maryland avenue, between 10th and 11th streets; regular night of meeting, the first Wednesday in every month. Wm. Lloyd, President.

Columbia—located on South Capitol street, near the Capitol; regular night of meeting the first Thursday in every month. James Adams, President.

Anacostia—located on Virginia avenue and L street south; regular night of meeting the first Friday in every month. Jonas B. Ellis, President.

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Firemen's Insurance Company of Georgetown and Washington—office in the hall of the Perseverance Fire Company's building, Centre Market square. Jas. Adams President; Alexander McIntire, Secretary.

Franklin Insurance Company—office corner of 7th and D streets, next door to the Patriotic Bank. G. C. Grammar, President; Geo. Stettinius, Secretary.

Potomac Fire Insurance Company—office on Bridge street, Georgetown. John Kurtz, President; Henry King, Secretary.

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Episcopal, St. John, Rev. Mr. Shiras, corner of 2d and Potomac streets.

Presbyterian, Rev. Mr. Berry, corner of Bridge and Washington streets.

Methodist Episcopal, Revs. Mr. Wicks and Griffith, corner of Montgomery street.

Methodist Protestant, Rev. Mr. Varden, Congress street.

Catholic, Trinity, Revs. Mr. McElroy and O'Hanagan, 1st street.

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Friends, S. W. corner of St. Asaphs and Wolfe streets.

Methodist Episcopal, Rev. Job Guest, assisted by Rev. Samuel V. Blake, E. Washington, between King and Prince streets.

Methodist Protestant, Rev. John S. Rees, D. D., W. Washington, near King street.

1st Presbyterian, (Old School,) Rev. Elias Harrison, W. Fairfax, near Wolfe street.

2d Presbyterian, (New School,) Rev. Joshua M. Danforth, N. W. corner of Prince and St. Asaph streets.

Protestant Episcopal, Christ Church, Rev. Charles B. Dana, Cameron, between Washington and Columbus streets.

Protestant Episcopal, St. Paul's, Rev. James T. Johnston, E. Pitt, near Duke street.

African Methodist, E. Washington, near Gibbon street.

African Baptist, W. Alfred, near Duke street.

MASONIC.

Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22, meets at the Masonic Hall, Market Square, 1st Thursday of every month.

Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. —, meets at Masonic Hall 1st Tuesday of every month.

BANKS.

Bank of Potomac, N. Prince, between Royal and Pitt streets—discount day Thursday, Phineas Jannay, President; Washington C. Page, Cashier.

Farmers Bank, S. W. corner of Prince and Water streets—discount day Monday; Robert Jamieson, Pres't; John Hoff, Cashier.

Alexandria Library, at Lyceum building, S. W. corner of Washington and Prince streets, Charles R. Stuart, Librarian.

Patrick Henry Debating Society, meets at the Hall of the Heydraulton Fire Company every Tuesday evening.

FIRE COMPANIES.

Friendship, organized 1774, N. Kings, above Columbus street; meets 1st Monday of every month: Charles Coones, President.

Sun, organized 1775, East side of Market Square; meets 1st Saturday of every month: George H. Smoot, President.

Relief, organized 1788, E. Fairfax, near Duke street; meets 3d Thursdays of March, June, September and December: Stephen Shinn, President.

Star, organized 1799, W. Washington, near Cameron streets; meets 1st Wednesdays of March, June, September and December: John Leadbeater, President.

Hydraulion, organized 1827, East side of Market Square; meets 1st Mondays of February, May, August and November: Benjamin Barton, President.

Samuel Sanderson, Inspector of Fire Apparatus.

ARMORIES.

Mount Vernon Guards and Columbian Riflemen, at the old Court House Market Square.

INSURANCE OFFICES.

Alexandria Fire Insurance Company Office, N. King, below St. Anaph street; Hugh Smith, President; Nathaniel Wattles, Secretary.

Marine Insurance Company Office, Fire Insurance Company Building; N. Wattles, President; Dwight Metcalfe, Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Forced Sale.

A TOUCHING TALE FROM REAL LIFE.

It was a tempestuous night—the winds whistled fearfully—and hailstones, whose size threatened to demolish the windows, rattled against them with a pertinacity as if to test their strength. In the parlor of a fine old-fashioned house, beside rather a comfortable fire on such a night, were seated the family of Mr. Sutherland, consisting of himself, wife, daughter, and a faithful maid servant. A heavy gloom, more of sorrow than of anger, rested on each brow, not even excepting that of the maid servant alluded to, from whose eager glances, ever and anon cast toward the family group, a close observer would have noticed the deep interest she took in the cause of her grief.

The picture was a melancholy one, for virtue in distress has no light shade to relieve—all around it is dark and sombre. The sensitive artist would have thrown aside his pencil, if the subject had been presented to his view as we have described it, and his heart would have received an impression which could have been transferred to canvass.

"To-morrow," observed Mr. Sutherland, "is the anniversary of the melancholy death of our dear Henry—to-morrow will be ten years since the vessel in which he sailed was lost, and all on board perished—all, all."

"Alas," exclaimed the wife, as the tears coursed their way down her cheeks, "to-morrow will be a melancholy day."

"Indeed it will, for to-morrow this house, which belonged to my father—the furniture, in which time has made, as it were, part of ourselves, and associated with many a pleasing event in our lives, is to be sold—torn from us by the unrelenting hands of creditors. But, thank Heaven, misfortune, not crime, has reduced us to this stage of poverty."

"Will they sell every thing, Pa?—can we secure nothing?" asked the daughter.

"No, my child, unless, with what little money a friend has generously loaned me, I can secure a few articles. Ellen, my dear, take your pencil and put them down: first the sideboard, two beds, chairs and kitchen things. The side-board, it is true, will be to us now a superfluous piece of furniture; but it belonged to my mother, and I cannot will not part with it."

"But my piano, Pa!—must it go?"

The wife sighed, the father cast his eyes towards the flickering fire, and the daughter

was silent. The fate of the piano was decided upon. A melancholy pause in the conversation plainly told how severe was the alternative—for the law never studies the feelings of its victims when exacting the penalty of a bond.

"Go, Mary," said Mr. Sutherland, addressing the servant, "go and request the sheriff's officer, who is watching the property, to walk into the parlor; he is only doing his duty—no doubt it is as painful to him as distressing to us. Let him have a seat at our fire, for it is a severe night."

"It is, indeed, a fearful night," observed Mrs. Sutherland, and we have behaved rude to this man.

"Mother, I have a fire in the room where he—but—"

"Speak out child—it was with the last stick."

"Father it was —"

Mary returned with the officer, a polite gentlemanly man—for such should be the character of men who have to perform a part in the drama of life—unlike that of the inquisitors of old, whose province it was to torture by the rack; with this difference, however, theirs was a physical torture—ours a mental one, administered with all the nicety and precision of legal justice! The officer politely accepted the invitation, and endeavored to cheer his victims by enumerating many cases of a similar kind, equally poignant and distressing. Thus the evening passed heavily and cheerlessly away.

On the morning of the contemplated sale, there was to be seen a crowd of people flocking to the house of Mr. Sutherland—some out of sheer, heartless curiosity, friends of the family, who came with mockery on their lips, and empty purses—others with an intent to purchase; but not one among the crowd showed the least desire to aid, assist, or sympathize with the distress of the family.

This is the world;—we laugh at the misfortunes of our fellow creatures, and even mock their distresses, by witnessing in silence their sneerings. The auctioneer was now making his arrangements by flourishing his hammer, rolling his eyes, and using his tongue. The motley crowd gathered around him.—The house was put up first; it was accurately described—free from all incumbrances, and subject to but very small ground rent. It was started at five thousand dollars. There were several bidders all of whom seemed desirous to purchase it.

Seven thousand, five hundred dollars was at last bidden, upon which he dwelt for a moment. Mr. Sutherland compressed his lips together and muttered to himself, "It cost my father fifteen thousand dollars."

"Seven thousand five hundred dollars; going—once—twice—three times—for the last time going."

"Eight thousand!"

"Thank you, sir. Going at eight thousand—once eight thousand, twice—eight thousand, three times—going—gone? What name?"

"Clifford," was the response; and all eyes rested on a tall, noble looking man who had remained silent during the rapid bidding of the speculator—and who, as the whisper went round, was a total stranger.

"It is gone," whispered Mr. Sutherland to his wife, as he pressed her hand in silent grief; "we have no home now."

"Now, gentlemen," said the auctioneer, "we will sell this side board, in regard to which I am requested by the creditor to say, that it is an old family piece, and it is the wish of the owner to retain possession of it if possible. I merely mention it, as it is known to you under what peculiar circumstances the things are sold."

This had the desired effect—no one seemed willing to bid against the unfortunate man; who started it at ten dollars. Twenty was bid by Mr. Clifford; twenty-five by Mr. Sutherland; fifty from Mr. Clifford silenced the anxious parents, and the family piece of furniture was knocked down to the new possessor of the house. A gentleman who stood by remarked, that the act was a cold, heartless one.

"Was it?" sarcastically asked Mr. Clifford. "Then, sir, why did you not buy it for him?"

Mr. Sutherland was much affected at this little incident. "He little knows how much he has lacerated this heart. But I will purchase the piano for my child."

He stepped up to Mr. Clifford, and told him the desire he had to purchase the piano for his daughter, and "he hoped he would not bid against him."

"Sir," said the stranger, "as much as I respect your feelings, and the sympathy of this good company, I cannot, nay, will not, alter the determination made when I first entered this house."

"And pray, sir, what will that be?"

"To purchase every thing in it, and by heavens I'll do it, though I pay double price."

"Strange," muttered Mr. Sutherland, and he found his family in another part of the room.

The stranger fulfilled his promise, and actually bought every thing, from the house itself down to the very axe in the cellar!

After the sale was over, and the company

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